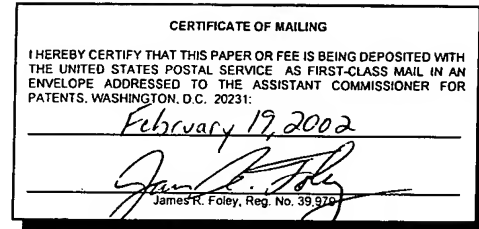


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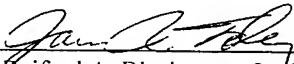
Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement and the attached Form PTO-1449. The cited references are listed and identified on the attached Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the documents are enclosed. The two Japanese publications include English abstracts and are relevant in that they disclose character recognition mechanisms. This Information Disclosure Statement constitutes a bona fide attempt to comply with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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